

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (cancelled).

Claim 25 (Currently amended): A method of providing private security services to a client comprising:

providing at least one private security officer at a client location;

maintaining a database of information which relates to private security services provided at the client location for [~~at least one~~] the client, wherein the database is stored on a computer at a first location that is capable of data communication, using the Internet, with at least one security officer computer installed at [~~a~~] the client location that is remote from the first location, and maintaining the database comprises:

receiving security data from the at least one security officer computer, via the Internet, wherein the security data is entered into the at least one security officer computer by the security officer providing private security services at the client location, and the security data corresponds with at least one security related event occurring at the client location;

updating the database with at least a portion of the security data received from the security officer computer; and

hosting the database so that at least a portion of the information stored therein is Internet accessible by the [~~at least one~~] client, wherein the [~~at least one~~] client accesses the information in the database by providing an authorization code to a website that permits restricted access to at least a subset of the information stored in the database.

Claim 26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (Previously presented): The method of claim 25, wherein receiving security data from the at least one security officer computer comprises receiving security data from a plurality of client locations, each remote from the first location, wherein each client location comprises at least one security officer computer.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): The method of claim 25, wherein receiving the security data from the at least one security officer computer, entered by the at least one security officer providing private security services at the client location, further comprises:

receiving the security data formatted as a standardized daily activity report, wherein a form of the standardized daily activity report is accessible by the at least one security officer via the Internet as a website that comprises predetermined data fields for entering the security data.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): The method of claim 25, wherein receiving the security data from the at least one security officer computer, entered by the at least one security officer providing private security services at the client location, further comprises:

receiving an email message comprising the security data.

Claim 30 (Currently amended): The method of claim 25, wherein maintaining the database, further comprises:

receiving clock-in data from the at least one security officer that corresponds to a beginning of a work shift;

receiving clock-out data from the at least one security officer that corresponds to an end of the work shift, wherein the at least one security officer enters the clock-in data and the clock-out data into a website accessible via the Internet; and

updating the database with the clock-in data and the clock-out data, wherein the clock-in data and the clock-out data are representative of a duration of the work shift of the at least one security officer at the client location.

Claim 31 (Previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein the at least one security officer provides at least a portion of the clock-in data by logging in to the website, the clock-in data comprising an identifier unique to each security officer, and the at least one security officer provides at least a portion of the clock-out data by logging out of the website.

Claim 32 (Previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein maintaining the database further comprises:

tracking which client location the at least one security officer is providing security services at using data entered into the website by the security officer.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein receiving the security data from the at least one security officer computer, entered by the at least one security officer providing private security services at the client location, further comprises:

receiving the security data formatted as a daily activity report, wherein a form of the daily activity report is accessible by the at least one security officer via the Internet as a website that comprises at least one data field for entering the security data, and the website receiving the log-out data is configured to not accept the log-out data from the at least one security officer until the daily activity report is submitted.

Claim 34 (Previously presented): The method of claim 25, wherein receiving the security data from the at least one security officer computer, entered by the at least one security officer providing private security services at the client location, further comprises:

receiving security data that comprises at least one of text files, visual images, video, and audio data.

Claim 35 (Previously presented): The method of claim 25, further comprising:

sending a signal, via the Internet, to the at least one security officer computer in response to the security data entered by the at least one security officer.

Claim 36 (Currently amended): A method of obtaining information related to [private] security services, comprising:

maintaining ~~accessing~~ a database of information which relates to [private] security services provided for at least one client, wherein the database is stored on a computer located at a first location, that is capable of data communication, using the Internet, with at least a second computer operating at a first client location that is remote from the first location, and wherein the database of information comprises security data entered by at least one security officer providing [private] security services for the client at a second client location remote from the first client location and at least a portion of the security data is entered by the at least one security officer located at the second client location, the security data corresponding with at least one security related event occurring at the second client location, wherein accessing the database of information comprises:

navigating a web browser operating on the second computer to a website that is in data communication with the database;

providing an authorization code that permits access to at least a portion of the database;

entering a request for information relating to the security services provided at the second client location; and

receiving, at the second computer, at least a portion of the information associated with the request for data.

Claim 37 (Previously presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the database comprises security data from a plurality of client locations, and entering a request for information comprises entering a request for information related to at least one of the plurality of client locations.

Claim 38 (Previously presented): The method of claim 37, wherein the authorization code is pre-assigned to a subset of information stored in the database, and providing the authorization code permits access only to the subset of information.

Claim 39 (Currently amended): The method of claim 36, further comprising:
sending a ~~[signal]~~ request for additional security data, via the Internet, to at least one security officer providing ~~[private]~~ security services at ~~[a]~~ the second client location in response to the requested information received at the second computer.

Claim 40 (Currently amended): The method of claim 39, wherein sending the ~~[signal]~~ request for additional security data to the at least one security officer comprises sending a request to the at least one security officer for data related to at least one security event that occurred at ~~[a]~~ the second client location.

Claim 41 (Currently amended): The method of claim 36, wherein the database comprises a plurality of daily activity reports submitted by the at least one security officer providing ~~[private]~~ security services at the ~~[at least one]~~ second client location, and entering a request for information comprises requesting at least a portion of the information from at least one of the plurality of daily activity reports for security services at the second client location.

Claim 42 (Currently amended): The method of claim 36, wherein the database comprises clock-in data and clock-out data received from the at least one security officer providing security services at the ~~[at least one]~~ second client location, and the clock-in data and the clock-out data is representative of a duration of a work shift of the at least one security officer, and entering a request for information comprises requesting at least a portion of the clock-in data and the clock-out data received from the at least one security officer.

Claim 43 (Previously presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the security data submitted by the at least one security officer comprises at least one of text files, visual images, video, and audio data.

Claim 44 (Currently amended): A system for providing ~~[private]~~ security services comprising:

a first computer located at a first location that comprises a database of information which relates to ~~[private]~~ security services provided for ~~[at least one]~~ a plurality of clients, wherein the first computer is capable of data communication, using the Internet, with ~~[at least one]~~ a plurality of security officer computers ~~[installed]~~ each of which is located at a corresponding one of a plurality of client locations, each of which ~~[that]~~ is remote from the first location, and the first computer is operable to:

receive security data from each of the ~~[at least one]~~ security officer computers, via the Internet, wherein ~~[the]~~ security data ~~[is]~~ may be entered into each of the ~~[at least one]~~ security officer computers by at least one security officer providing ~~[private]~~ security services at the client location at which the corresponding security officer computer is located, and the security data corresponds with at least one security related event occurring at the corresponding one of the plurality of client locations;

update the database with at least a portion of the security data received from the
[~~at least one~~] security officer computers; and

host the database so that at least a portion of the information stored therein is
Internet accessible by each of the [~~at least one~~] clients, wherein each of the [~~at least one~~]
clients accesses the information in the database by providing an authorization code to a
website that permits restricted access to at least a subset of the information stored in the
database.

Claim 45 (Cancelled).

Claim 46 (Cancelled).

Claim 47 (Currently amended): The system of claim 44, wherein the first computer is
operable to receive [~~security data from the at least one security officer computer, and the~~]
security data [~~is received~~] formatted as a standardized daily activity report, wherein a template
for the standardized daily activity report is accessible by the at least one security officer via the
Internet as a website that comprises predetermined data fields for entering the security data.

Claim 48 (Currently amended): The system of claim 44, wherein the first computer is
operable to:

receive clock-in data from each of the [~~at least one~~] security officers that corresponds to a
beginning of a work shift for each of the security officers;

receive clock-out data from each of the [~~at least one~~] security officers that corresponds to
an end of the work shift for each of the security officers, wherein the security officers enter[s] the
clock-in data and the clock-out data into a website accessible via the Internet; and

update the database with the clock-in data and the clock-out data, wherein the clock-in data and the clock-out data is representative of a duration of the work shift of each of the security officers.